



Fast Facts

Name: Austria

Location: Central Europe, South of Germany

Population:
8,200,000

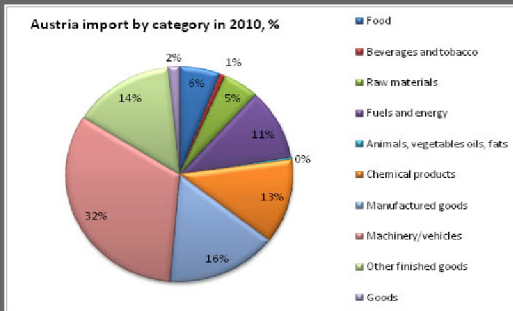
Capital City: Vienna

Primary Language:
German

The climate in Austria is moderate; cold and snowy in the winter, warm in the summer. Natural resources found in Austria include timber, iron, steel, and hydroelectric power. The Austrian Alps cover most of the country. In fact, Austria is one of the most mountainous countries in the world!

Economy

Austria's industry-dominated economy is largely because of the physical environment there. The Austrian Alps bring many natural resources and money opportunities. To start off, the mountains provide an abundance of timber. This is then used for industry, construction, and exporting. The mountainous environment also contains natural resources like iron and steel. This is also a major export and profit center. Finally, Austria's physical environment brings a fair amount of tourists. Many skiers travel there in the winter to ski the famed Alps. Austria's soaring mountains have a very direct impact on economy.



Trade Patterns

The Physical environment in Austria has an immediate impact on their trade Patterns. Austria does not export much food. Most farms are very small, and fertile soil is scarce. The location of Austria also plays an important part in trade. The U.S. only accounts for 5.9% of imports, while Germany has 41.8%, and Asian countries total to 11.5%. These numbers show that Austrian trade goes north, instead of east and west. The trade typically stays within Europe, and very little goes to Asia or overseas to the Americas. The unique physical features in Austria also make its trading one of a kind as well.

Cultural Diffusion

Much of Austria's unique and fascinating culture is a result of its central location in Europe. Austria is located right below Germany, so many German cultures exist there, including the German language, clothing, and various foods. However, when Nazi Germany occupied Austria during WWII, more foods and other German ways of life were diffused into Austria. Austria's location also brings two different kinds of religion. Roman Catholicism came from Italy, and Muslim came from spreading through Turkey and Hungary. The growing population of Muslim Austrians is upsetting some people, but others believe it is a good thing. Austria's exclusive location in one of the most culturally diverse regions in the world makes it one of the most fascinating countries in Europe.

Details

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www.aboutaustria.org

www.austria.org/going/special-topics/culture

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